

**P-20 Council
Alignment Committee Meeting
August 20, 2008 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007
Committee Members Present: Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Ron Rickle, Dr. Pauline Begay, Dr. David Curd (telephonic), and Ernie Calderon (telephonic).
Staff Present: Lauren Kielsmeier, Erin Hart, Debra Raeder, and Claire Parriott.
Guests: Roberta Alley of ADE.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Karen Nicodemus called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. It was noted that Ernie Calderon and Dr. David Curd were attending telephonically.

2. Review/Discussion: 21st Century Skills Partnership State Application

Staff reported that Arizona has been selected to apply to become a 21st Century Skills Partner State. Staff met on August 7, 2008 to discuss the framework, benefits and information on becoming a partner state. Dr. Nicodemus suggested that the alignment committee set a date to decide recommending completing the application to the P-20 Council.

3. Update/Discussion: ELA Alignment Institute

The ELA Alignment Institute will be held in Tucson on August 28-29, 2008. Working with Achieve, Inc., the group will be working on reviewing and strengthening the literacy standards to be taught in state classrooms. Dr. David Curd voiced that he would like to see science and math literacy be a significant part of the new literacy standard.

4. Update/Discussion: Assessments and Accountability

- State Board of Education Taskforce – The State Board of Education is currently composing members of the Task Force. Work is expected to begin after September 2008 and sunset on June, 30, 2009.
- Achieve Policy Institute – Staff informed the committee that Arizona has been selected to be a part of the college and career ready initiative. A planning session for the college and career ready forum will be held on September 18, 2008.
- Algebra II End Of Course Assessment – In May 2008, 1300 Arizona students participated in the Algebra II test. Scores for the test will be published on August 25, 2008.

5. Review/Discussion: Committee Work Plan

Staff asked that the committee review and reprioritize the current alignment committee work plan.

6. Next Steps

Dr. Nicodemus asked Roberta Alley to bring the Achieve results to the next meeting. Ms. Alley asked that the committee plan for, discuss, and decide whether to participate in the Achieve, Inc. tests next school year.

7. Call to the Public

Several public comments were taken concerning the role of assessment and social promotion in the K-12 education system.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Karen Nicodemus at 3:45 pm.